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SUBJ: UN FINANCE: FIFTH COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL
IMPLICATIONS OF RACISM RESOLUTION

1. FIFTH COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO TAKE UP MORNING OF OCTOBER 30, THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (A/C.5/1680) OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTION (A/10145) ON THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. SYG STATEMENT NOTES THAT IF RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED BY PLENARY, AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000 WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COVER PRODUCTION OF POSTERS. FURTHERMORE, UNDER SECTION 18 OF THE SYG'S PROPOSED PROGRAM BUDGET, AN AMOUNT OF \$136,000 IS ALREADY EARMARKED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND HOLDING OF CONFERENCE IN ACCRA. US VOTED FOR SECTION 18 APPROPRIATION ON FIRST READING BUT WILL HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INTERVENING DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE DECIDING HOW TO VOTE ON SECOND READING IN DECEMBER.

2. IN VIEW OF THE LINKAGE TO THE RESOLUTION EQUATING RACISM WITH ZIONISM, TACTICAL QUESTION WE FACE IS WHETHER TO ACQUIESCE IN USUAL ROUTINE PROCEDURE OF APPROVING THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATION BY CONSENSUS OR TO CALL FOR A VOTE AND VOTE NO, MARSHALLING
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AS MUCH STRENGTH IN THE COMMITTEE AS POSSIBLE TO DO LIKEWISE.

SHOULD THE LATTER COURSE BE FOLLOWED, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO MAKE A STATEMENT ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED AT THE END OF THIS MESSAGE. THE MAIN ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF CALLING FOR VOTE IS IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING FIRM AND CONSISTENT US POSITION ON ALL FRONTS ON THIS ISSUE.

3. TACTICAL QUESTION WAS RAISED TODAY AT FIFTH COMMITTEE MEETING, AND SOME DOUBT EMERGED ABOUT THE WISDOM OF POLITICIZING ISSUE IN FIFTH COMMITTEE. CANADIAN DEL ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA WAS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT INSISTENCE ON A VOTE COULD COMPROMISE ONGOING EFFORT TO UNDO IN PLENARY THIRD COMMITTEE'S ACTION. OTHER DELS APPEARED UNCERTAIN BUT ANXIOUS TO ARRIVE AT A COMMON WESTERN POSITION. ISRAELI REP LATER TOLD US HE WISHES TO STAY IN STEP WITH US POSITION.

4. THIS MUCH IS CLEAR: IF ONLY A FEW DELEGATIONS WERE TO VOTE AGAINST FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS, WE WOULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING BY SEEKING A VOTE AND SOME PSYCHOLOGICAL HARM MIGHT HAVE BEEN DONE, EVEN THOUGH US WOULD AGAIN HAVE UNDERSCORED ITS OWN FIRM VIEW. ON OTHER HAND, IF A CONSENSUS IS AGREED TO AT PRESENT STAGE WE CAN PRESERVE OUR POSITION BY MAKING A STATEMENT TO FOLLOWING EFFECT: OUR APPROVAL SIGNIFIES ONLY THAT WE DO NOT QUARREL WITH STATEMENT OF FACT THAT \$10,000 WOULD NEED TO BE APPROPRIATED IF RESOLUTION CARRIES IN PLENARY. IN FACT HOWEVER WE OPPOSE RESOLUTION BECAUSE OF LINKAGE TO ZIONISM RESOLUTION, AND HAD THERE BEEN A VOTE ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS WE WOULD HAVE VOTED AGAINST THEM.

5. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS URGENTLY BY 10:30 A.M., THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30.

6. PROPOSED US STATEMENT (IF DECISION IS TO SEEK VOTE IN FIFTH COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS) IS AS FOLLOWS:
QTE: STATEMENT BY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE IN FIFTH COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEMS 68 AND 96: ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/10145 AS ORALLY AMENDED
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MR. CHAIRMAN:

MY GOVERNMENT EXPRESSED ITS VIEWS ON OCTOBER 17 ON THE THREE RESOLUTIONS CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/10145, AS SUBSEQUENTLY AMENDED AND APPROVED BY THE THIRD COMMITTEE, TO THE FIRST OF WHICH THE PROGRAMS OF DOCUMENT A/C.5/1680 RELATE. I WILL NOT TAKE THE TIME OF MEMBERS OF THE FIFTH

COMMITTEE TO REPEAT THAT STATEMENT HERE. NEVERTHELESS,
MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THIS COMMITTEE THAT
MY GOVERNMENT HAS SUPPORTED WITHOUT RESERVATION THE WORK OF
THE UNITED NATIONS TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.
WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO SO WITHOUT OBSTRUCTION IN THE FUTURE.

THE UNITED STATES VOTED AGAINST THE THIRD RESOLUTION
MENTIONED ABOVE IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE. UPON ITS ADOPTION,
THE THIRD RESOLUTION BECAME INSEPARABLY LINKED TO THE FIRST
TWO. THEREFORE, AS WE STATED AT THAT TIME, WE WILL VOTE
AGAINST ALL THREE RESOLUTIONS WHEN THEY ARE CONSIDERED
BY THE PLENARY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BECAUSE MY GOVERNMENT HAS PARTICULARLY STRONG FEELINGS
ON THIS ISSUE, WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE
AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BE PUT
TO THE VOTE. MY DELEGATION WILL VOTE AGAINST THIS PROPOSAL
AS WELL AS ANY OTHER APPROPRIATION REQUESTS RELATED TO
THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, SHOULD THE RESOLUTION EQUATING ZIONISM WITH
RACISM BE ADOPTED BY THE PLENARY. UNQTE.
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